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FROM PRESS OFFICE STORMONT CASTLE

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED THIS EVENING BY
THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE:

'' THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS WHO VISITED THE MAZE PRISON ON 25TH APRIL
IN PURSUANCE OF THE COMPLAINT LODGED ON BEHALF OF
MR R SANDS AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE
ISSUED A STATEMENT SETTING OUT CLEARLY WHAT TOOK
PLACE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAVE CARRIED OUT THE UNDERTAKINGS
GIVEN TO FACILITATE THE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF
ANY COMPLAINT TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT THE PROTEST
AT THE MAZE PRISON.

THE GOVERNMENT NOTE THAT MR SANDS IS NOT ASSOCIATING
HIMSELF WITH THE APPLICATION LODGED ON HIS BEHALF.''

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